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MR. H. JORDAN MALKIN, M.D., F.R.C.S.

Sanitary Inspector :

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Health Visitor :

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1938.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE WARSOP
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I present herewith my Annual Report for the year 1938 on the health of your District. This report has been drawn up in accordance with Circular 1728.

The health of the inhabitants continues to be satisfactory and the birth rate shows a slight decrease over 1937. In common with neighbouring districts there was a marked increase in the number of cases of Diphtheria during the year. Difficulty was experienced at times in obtaining admission of these cases to hospital.

My thanks are due to the Chairman and Members of the Committees, all Officials, and the Staff of the Health Department, for their help and co-operation throughout the year.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN FERGUSON.

Section A.—STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area : 7,174 acres.

Population (estimated 1938) taken from the Registrar General's Returns : 10,930.

Number of inhabited houses end of 1938 : 2,603.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate : £175 18s. 2d.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.	Total.	Males.	Females.
Legitimate	183	97	86
Illegitimate	6	5	1

Birth Rate 17.20 per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.

Still Births.	Total.	Males.	Females.
Legitimate	11	7	4
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births : 55.0.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Deaths	70	36	34

Death Rate 6.4 per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.

Corrected death rate : 9.15 (Comparability factor 1.43).

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of child birth :

From Puerperal Sepsis	0
From Sepsis	0
From other causes	3
Total	3

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age :

Legitimate 13. Illegitimate 1. Total 14.

Death rate of Infants under 1 year of age :

All infants per 1,000 live births 74.74

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births 69.31

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births 166.66

	1937	1938
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	1	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	0	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	5	0
Influenza (all ages)	1	0
Bronchitis and Pneumonia (all ages)	8	5
Phthisis (all ages)	0	9
Tuberculosis (other forms)	2	1
Cancer	14	4

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The chief occupations of the inhabitants are coal mining and agriculture, with tradesmen and shop keepers who cater for their needs.

The total insured population, male and female, is approximately 2,800, and the totally unemployed were composed as follows :

195 males.
 29 females.
 2 boys.
 23 girls.

There is no evidence that any resultant impairment of physique has been caused in children or adults.

BIRTH AND DEATH RATES.

	1937	1938
Total number of Registered Births	192	189
Birth rate per 1,000 population	17.65	17.20
Birth rate for England and Wales	14.9	15.1
Total number of Deaths	94	70
Death rate per 1,000 population	8.6	6.4
Death rate for England and Wales	12.4	11.6
Death rate from Tuberculosis....	.18	.91
Death rate from Cancer	1.28	.36

Both the Birth Rate and the Death Rate show a decrease over 1937.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

14 deaths took place of children under the age of twelve months ; 10 males and 4 females.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is the number of deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 births registered during the year.

Warsop, per 1,000 births	74.74
England & Wales, per 1,000 births	53

Prematurity, atelectasis, and malformation accounted for most of the deaths.

The Neo-Natal Mortality, that is, the number of children who died under 1 month, was 8.

The Infantile Mortality Rate shows a decrease over last year, three fewer deaths of children under 12 months occurred during the year.

No. of children who died—0-24 hours	1
„ —1-7 days	5
„ —7-28 days	2
„ —1-12 months	6

Section B.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY :

(a) MEDICAL.

Medical Officer of Health :

JOHN FERGUSON, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

Dr. Ferguson is also Medical Officer of Health to the Mansfield Woodhouse Urban District Council and an Assistant Medical Officer under the Notts. County Council.

Standing Deputy Medical Officer of Health :

NORMAN WILSON, M.R.C.S. (ENG.), L.R.C.P. (LOND.).

Consulting Obstetrician :

H. JORDAN MALKIN, M.D., F.R.C.S.,
Regent Street, Nottingham.

Dentist :

MR. W. H. SMITH.

(b) OTHERS.

Sanitary Inspector :

WILLIAM HERBERT PICKERING, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Health Visitor :

ETHEL HUTCHINSON, M.M., C.M.B. (London Hospital).

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

There are no changes in this service. Throat swabs are examined at the Public Health Laboratory, Mansfield, and use is made of the Nottingham City Laboratory, W. W. Taylor, Analyst, Nottingham, and John Evans, Analyst, Sheffield, for the examination of blood, milk and water respectively.

Sputum specimens are now examined at the Ransom Sanatorium Rainworth.

All swabs, sputum bottles, etc., are kept in the Health Department for the use of private practitioners.

Number of swabs examined at Mansfield	....	215
(39 positive, 176 negative)		

Number of milk samples examined at					
Nottingham	....	....	....	....	19

Number of water samples examined at					
Sheffield	....	....	....	....	10

No record is available of the number of bacteriological examinations carried out at Nottingham City Laboratory on behalf of local practitioners.

OTHER SERVICES.

There is no change in the following provisions :—

Ambulance Facilities.

Home Nursing.

Hospitals.

Treatment Centres.

The Ambulance Service is adequate and there is no lack of co-ordination.

COMPARATIVE TABLES.

1. The following table shows the total deaths, deaths of infants under one year of age, and deaths from Tuberculosis and Cancer during the last few years.

Year.	Deaths under 1 year.	Total Deaths.	Deaths from Tuberculosis.	Cancer.
1925	.... 18	71	4	8
1930	.... 16	86	9	6
1931	.... 28	119	7	5
1932	.... 15	93	10	11
1933	.... 13	84	7	5
1934	.... 8	92	8	10
1935	.... 13	92	5	18
1936	.... 12	85	7	8
1937	.... 17	94	2	14
1938	.... 14	70	10	4

2. The following table compares the Population, Birth Rate, Death Rate, and Infantile Mortality over a period of years.

Year.	Population.	Birth Rate.	Death Rate.	Infantile Mortality.
1898	1700	40.5	14.1	131
1899	1700	40.5	17.6	217
1900	1900	34.6	9.4	58.8
1914	5125	41.1	11.9	137
1925	8142	26.6	8.7	87
1930	10748	26.6	7.9	71.4
1931	10748	32.0	10.9	116.6
1932	10830	20.9	8.4	65.7
1933	10840	17.3	7.7	69
1934	10780	20.6	8.4	37.7
1935	11115	19.6	8.2	61.3
1936	11110	14.8	7.7	67.4
1937	10880	17.6	8.6	88.5
1938	10930	17.2	6.4	74.74

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

GENERAL.

The accompanying tables show the clinics serving the inhabitants of the district and details of the work carried out at your Infant Welfare and Ante-Natal Clinics.

The child welfare clinics are consultative in character and advice is given on the feeding and rearing of children. As soon as possible after the tenth day from the birth of the child the Health Visitor visits the mother, advises her re feeding, etc., and invites her to the clinic. Every effort is made to keep infants and children under 5 years of age under observation, as in this way abnormalities can be detected and steps taken to make the necessary treatment available. All children requiring medical attention are referred to their own doctors except in the case of very minor ailments for which normally the mother would not take the child to a doctor.

Attendances at the Welfare Centres continue to be very satisfactory.

CLINICS AND WELFARE CENTRES SERVING THE DISTRICT.

Clinics.	Situation	Times of opening	Medical Officer in attendance.	By whom provided.
Maternity and Child Welfare	Town Hall, Warsop	Thursday 2-30—4-30 p.m.	Dr. Ferguson	Urban District Council.
Maternity and Child Welfare	Warsop Vale	1st Wednesday in month, 2-30—4-30 p.m.	Dr. Ferguson	Urban District Council.
Maternity and Child Welfare	Welbeck Colliery Village	3rd Wednesday in month, 2-30—4-30 p.m.	Dr. Ferguson	Urban District Council.
Ante-Natal	Town Hall, Warsop	1st & 3rd Thursdays in each month at 10 a.m.	Dr. Ferguson	Urban District Council.
Tuberculosis	Hermitage Avenue, Mansfield	Monday, 10 a.m. Monday, 2 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.	Dr. H. Brown	Notts. County Council.
Venereal Diseases	West Hill House, Mansfield	Tuesday, 10 a.m.—1 p.m. Wednesday, 6 p.m.—8 p.m. Thursday, 6 p.m.—8 p.m.	Dr. Buckley Dr. Tweedie Dr. Gattleson	Notts. County Council.
Orthopaedic	Mansfield Hospital	Friday, 9 a.m.	Mr. S. A. S. Malkin	Notts. C. Council
School Clinic	Town Hall, Warsop	Friday, 2 p.m.	Dr. Murphy	Notts. County Council.
Dental Clinic	Town Hall, Warsop.	4th Wednesday in month at 2 p.m.	Mr. Smith Dr. Ferguson	Urban District Council.

ATTENDANCES AT WELFARE CENTRES.

Cent e.	No. of times open in year. 1936 1937 1938	Total No. of attendances of children under 1 year. 1936 1937 1938	Total No. of attendances of children 1-5. 1936 1937 1938	Average attendance of infants 1936 1937 1938	Average attendance of children 1936 1937 1938
Warsop	52 52 52	1883 1964 2073	1421 2702 3534	36 37 40	27 52 68
Warsop Vale	10 10 8	200 168 148	224 228 185	20 17 18	22 22 23
Welbeck Colliery Village	8 11 11	177 178 180	193 227 271	22 17 17	24 24 25

It should be noted that many mothers from Warsop Vale and Welbeck Colliery Village attend the Warsop Centre, but the Clinics in these places serve a useful purpose.

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC.

The attendances at the clinic continue to increase, 143 women attending as against 130 in 1937. The percentage of mothers who gave birth to children during the year and also attended the ante-natal centre was 73.72%.

Number of sessions	....	....	....	....	24
Number of mothers attending			....	....	143
Number of attendances	...	....	....	....	334

The midwives in the district attend the clinic whenever possible with their cases.

The local practitioners have been invited to make use of the ante-natal clinic for examining their own cases any Thursday morning.

Mr. H. Jordan Malkin who was appointed as consultant for ante-natal cases referred from my ante-natal clinic examined three such cases during 1938.

POST NATAL CLINIC.

This clinic is held at the close of the ante-natal clinic. During the year 33 cases were examined.

DENTAL CLINIC.

			1937	1938
Number of clinics	....	....	13	13
Number of mothers attended		....	91	101
Number of children attended		....	23	23

The clinic has proved very successful and is much appreciated by the mothers. Under the scheme for the provision of dentures in necessitous cases as outlined in my last year's report, one patient was supplied with upper and lower dentures.

SUPPLY OF MILK AND FOOD TO NECESSITOUS CASES.

A sum of £33 1s. 10d. was expended during the year on the supply of milk and foods on medical grounds to necessitous cases. The supplies were issued on the lines laid down by the Ministry of Health and an assistance form was completed in each case showing, income, expenditure, etc.

All mothers attending the centre, can purchase dried milk, infants' foods, emulsion, etc., at cost price.

COMPLICATED MATERNITY CASES.

During the year 4 cases were admitted to the Mansfield Hospital for treatment there. In all cases, all or part of the cost is recovered from the patients after an enquiry into their financial circumstances.

The question of providing additional accommodation for ante-natal and complicated maternity cases is under consideration by the Council.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA.

No case of puerperal pyrexia was notified during the year.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

The investigation of maternal deaths is undertaken by the County Medical Officer. In 1938 there were three maternal deaths.

2 deaths occurred in Hospital.

ORTHOPAEDIC TREATMENT.

All cases requiring orthopaedic treatment are referred to the Orthopaedic Clinic at Mansfield Hospital.

During the year 164 attendances were made at a cost of £20 10s. 0d.

In addition, help was given in 1 case towards the cost of splints, etc., the sum of £1 being borne by the Council.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS.—SECTION 203, PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

184 births were registered during the year, the corrected number being 189.

185 were notified, 155 by midwives and 30 by doctors.

There was no failure to notify. 9 still births were notified.

MIDWIFERY SERVICE.

As a result of the Midwives Act, 1936, the district is now served by County Midwives. There are two full-time County Midwives, and in addition, both District Nurses are practising midwives. This gives the equivalent of three full-time midwives to the district.

HEALTH VISITOR'S VISITS.

Miss Hutchinson reports :—

(1) Visits to expectant mothers—

(a) First visits	....	....	....	....	36
(b) Subsequent visits	....	....	....	....	85

(2) Visits to infants under 1 year :—

(a) First visits	....	....	....	....	193
(b) Subsequent visits	1682

(3) Visits to children 1 to 5 years—

Total visits	1936
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VOLUNTARY HELPERS.

The voluntary services of the ladies who attend the Child Welfare Centres are much appreciated, and sincere thanks are due to them. Their help contributes materially to the success of the Clinics.

INFANT LIFE PROTECTION.

There was 1 person on the register at the end of the year keeping a child for reward.

This child is visited at least quarterly and more often if required.

OTHER SERVICES.

There are no changes in the following services :—

Health Visitors.

Institutional Provision for mothers and children.

Section C.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER.

(a) Meden Valley Joint Water Committee.

This supply continues to be satisfactory, being of good quality, constant and sufficient.

Bacteriological examinations are carried out every other month and chemical analyses once per year. Co-operation is maintained with all interested officials.

The following is a copy of the report of a sample taken from a tap in Church Warsop.

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION.	Parts per 100,000
Total solids dried at 180 degrees C.	.... 24.0
Chlorides in terms of Chlorine	.... 3.10
Equivalent to Sodium Chloride	.... 5.10
Nitrites	.... none.
Nitrates as Nitrogen	.... 0.24
Poisonous Metals (Lead, etc.)	.... none.
Total Hardness	.... 13.2
Temporary Hardness....	.... 8.0
Permanent Hardness ....	.... 5.2
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hrs. at 80 degrees F.	0.066
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	.... none.
Albuminoid Nitrogen....	.... 0.0016

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

Number of colonies per ml. developing on Agar in—

3 days at 22 degrees C.	.... 30
48 hours at 37 degrees C.	.... 0

Probable number of bacteria of the Coli Aerogenes
Group present in 100 mls. of the water 1

REMARKS.—Very satisfactory both Chemically and
Bacteriologically.

(b) Welbeck Colliery Village Supply.

This is a private supply and serves the colliery and the colliery village. The source of supply is from the bunter beds in the area. The water has some hardness removed before reaching the houses.

Quarterly samples have been taken and were satisfactory.

(c) Well Water Supplies.

So far nothing has been done to provide a satisfactory water supply to the houses in the Sookholme area, where the well water was found to be unsafe. The owners have given this matter their consideration and it is hoped a piped supply will be provided.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

There have been no extensions of the sewerage system during 1938.

The question of sewerage the Forest Road area is still being considered by the Committee. The Surveyor has prepared plans, etc., of the work necessary to sewer this area and it is hoped that this very important addition to the health services of the area will eventually be accomplished.

During the year colliery subsidence has continued to affect the main sewer running from Warsop Church to the Sewage Works. The levels have been kept under constant observation, steps have been taken to prevent any nuisance arising, and though some anxiety has been caused, it is hoped that the subsidence will pass off beyond the Sewage Works without causing serious damage.

The Surveyor has submitted certain proposals, which have been approved by the Council, to deal with the situation as it affects the Sewage Works, and to prevent river pollution.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Samples of the final effluent from the Sewage Works are taken periodically during the year. In all cases the results have been satisfactory. The effluent discharges into the River Meden which flows through the district.

3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

PAIL TYPE CLOSETS.				1937	1938
Converted to Water Closets	....	....		11	49
Pails renewed	....	....	....	8	13
Number remaining	....	....	....	312	263
Number accessible to sewer	....	....	....	268	223

PRIVY MIDDENS.

Converted to Water Closets	....	....		2	nil.
Number remaining	....	....	....	18	18

WATER CLOSETS.

Repaired	....	....	....	....	47	51
New Water Closets provided	....	....			11	68
Number of Water Closets in district	....				2600	2668

ACTION UNDER SECTION 47 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

49 Pail Closets were converted to Water Closets during the year and it is hoped to make further progress with the remaining 223 pail closets where sewer is available, during 1939.

(ii) SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

January 1st to December 31st, 1938.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE WARSOP URBAN
DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of presenting to you my eleventh Annual Report.

The past year has been a very busy one for the staff of the Health Department, the multifarious activities of the department have increased by the necessary duties in connection with Air Raid Precautions which to some extent slowed up certain other duties during the last 4 months of the year, but I am pleased to report that the essential services have not suffered as a consequence.

Food inspection, milk and water sampling, inspection of farms, dairies, cowsheds, food stores, and places where food is prepared for sale, have necessitated many early morning, evening, and Sunday visits.

May I again take this opportunity of expressing to the Medical Officer of Health, the Clerk, and other Officials of the Council, my thanks for their co-operation and assistance during the year, and I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their continued support during the year.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

W. H. PICKERING.

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE.

In presenting my eighth detailed report on Public Cleansing, it is gratifying to be able to report the continued co-operation of the staff. The provision of 2 suits of overalls annually has been greatly appreciated by the men.

The Bantam Refuse Collection Vehicle, purchased in July, 1937, continues to give service. It carries an average of 2 tons 10 cwts. per load, and the petrol consumption over the past six months averages 9.93 miles per gallon. The Morris carries an average of 1 ton 10 cwts. per load, and the petrol consumption is 9.68 miles per gallon. It will be seen that the Bantam is carrying nearly a 50% bigger load and is doing slightly more miles to the gallon. Taking into consideration also the time saved, the Bantam has more than justified expectations.

The whole of the district is scavenged weekly with the exception of 5 farms and 10 farm cottages in Sookholme. These farms and cottages are very scattered, covering an area of 991 acres, and are scavenged every 14 days.

The staff and wages paid per week, are as follows :—

1 Foreman at £3 15s. 0d. per week.

2 Drivers at £3 10s. 0d. per week.

2 Fillers at £2 18s. 0d. per week.

1 Filler at £3 0s. 0d. per week (this man acts as Disinfectant attendant).

1 Tip Attendant at £2 18s. 0d. per week.

Since my last report the wages of all the men have increased, this has increased the cost of collection by £172 10s. 11d., and disposal by £16 0s. 0d.

In addition another labourer has been engaged and trained in disinfection of houses, bedding, etc. He also acts as Mortuary Attendant and assists in Public Cleansing when not otherwise engaged, this also has added to the cost of collection.

The foreman works with the men and the drivers assist with carrying out and filling.

Any position can be duplicated at a moment's notice ; one of the fillers has been trained as tip attendant and is also a qualified motor driver ; thus, if any man is off, it is only necessary to change over and engage a temporary labourer. I intend in the near future to train another man in disinfecting so that this position can be duplicated.

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

The whole of the refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at the Gravel Lane Tip.

The site comprises 5a. 1r. 30p. of the excavated portion of a sand quarry. The Authority desired to purchase the site but their representations having been unsuccessful, arrangements were made for the present area (extended from $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres in October, 1936), to be leased to the Council until 25th December, 1945, at the nominal rental of £1 per annum.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation of the Staff of the Cleansing Department for the way in which the work has been carried out during the year. Upon these men depends the high efficiency which, to my mind, cannot be excelled by any other authority.

Number of loads collected : $2,679\frac{1}{2}$.

Total quantity of Refuse for the year ending 31st March, 1939,
was 5,459 tons.

The average yield per 1,000 population per day (365 days)
was 27.4 cwts.

Estimated population (Registrar General) 10,930.

Area of District : 7,174 acres.

Number of houses and premises : 2,603.

Average haul : $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles.

Rateable value : £46,190.

Product of 1d. Rate : £175 18s. 2d.

Total Rates : 12/6d.

The weight of refuse is estimated by surprise test weighings.

THE TOTAL COST OF COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE
AND TRADE REFUSE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1939.

House and Trade Refuse.										
Particulars.	Collection.			Disposal.			Total			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Wages	917	0	4	218	2	2	1135	2	6	
Motor maintenance (in- cluding petrol)	111	6	1				111	6	1	
Licences	60	0	0				60	0	0	
Materials	32	13	5	4	12	1	37	5	6	
Miscellaneous	17	8	0				17	8	0	
Rents, Rates and Insurances	11	7	3	4	16	3	16	3	6	
Depreciation Charges	130	0	0	1	12	6	131	12	6	
Gross Expenditure	1279	15	1	229	3	0	1508	18	1	
Income	1	12	0				1	12	0	
Total Net Cost (including depreciation)	1278	3	1	229	3	0	1507	6	1	
Total Net Cost (excluding depreciation)	1149	15	1	227	10	6	1377	5	7	

HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE.

TABLE SHOWING COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1939.

Item. Particulars, (1) (2)		I. COLLECTION.				II. DISPOSAL.				TOTAL.			
		Including		Excluding		Including		Excluding		Including		Excluding	
		DepreciationCharges	DepreciationCharges	DepreciationCharges	DepreciationCharges	DepreciationCharges	DepreciationCharges	DepreciationCharges	DepreciationCharges	DepreciationCharges	DepreciationCharges	DepreciationCharges	DepreciationCharges
		(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)						
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.						
A.	Gross Expenditure	1271 15 1	1149 15 1	229 3 0	227 10 6	1500 18 1	1377 5 7						
B.	Gross Income	1 12 0	1 12 0	—	—	1 12 0	1 12 0						
C.	Net Costs	1270 3 1	1148 3 1	229 3 0	227 10 6	1499 6 1	1375 13 7						
UNIT COSTS.													
D.	Gross expenditure per ton	4 9	4 3	0 9½	0 9½	5 6½	5 6½						
E.	Gross income per ton	—	—	—	—	—	—						
F.	Net cost per ton...	4 9	4 3	0 9½	0 9½	5 6½	5 6½						
G.	Net cost per 1000 houses or premises from which refuse is collected	491 0 6	456 18 6	88 3 0	87 10 0	579 3 6	544 8 6						
H.	Net cost per 1000 population	117 2 1	104 7 8	20 16 8	20 13 6	137 18 9	125 1 2						
RATE POUNDAGE.													
J.	Net cost; equivalent rate in £	6.801d.	6.115d.	0.8646d.	0.859d.	7.635d.	6.9740d.						
K.	Percentage of J. to total rates	4.534%	4.077%	0.5764%	0.5727%	5.110%	4.649%						

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA.

Number of inspections made	....	....	....	3407
Number of re-inspections made	....	....	....	441
Appointments and interviews	....	....	....	118
Number of complaints received	....	....	....	32
Number of premises which required sanitary improvement....	....	....	....	165

NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

Inspection of Houses under Public Health Acts	....	553
„ Houses under Housing Acts	....	313
„ re Infectious Diseases	....	53
„ Piggeries, Stables, etc.	....	118
„ Schools and other Public Buildings		21
„ Refuse Tips and Night Soil Dumps		554
„ Drainage works in progress....	....	228
„ Middens, Ashpits, etc.	....	453
„ Slaughterhouses	....	589
„ Pigs slaughtered on private premises		11
„ Cowsheds and Dairies	....	133
„ Food Stores	....	597
„ Butcher's Shops	....	228
„ Bakehouses	....	25
„ Caravans	....	82
„ Fried Fish Shops	....	56
„ Ice Cream premises....	....	89
„ Market, Stalls ,etc.	....	54
„ Factories, etc.	....	48
„ under Rats & Mice Destruction Acts		77
Miscellaneous Inspections	....	338

NOTICES.

Statutory Notices served	....	61
Statutory Notices complied with	....	56

Informal Notices served	....	....	....	....	175
Informal Notices complied with	....	....	....	....	177
Second letters served....	....	....	....	....	14
Second letters complied with	....	....	....	....	7

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS CARRIED OUT.

Plasterwork of walls and ceilings repaired	....	....	....	....	45
Boilers repaired	....	....	....	....	13
Ovens repaired	....	....	....	....	19
Coppers repaired	....	....	....	....	35
Brickwork of firebacks renewed	....	....	....	....	18
Walls treated for dampness	....	....	....	....	97
Walls repointed	....	....	....	....	56
Collaring of chimney stacks renewed	....	....	....	....	70
Pointing of chimney stacks renewed	....	....	....	....	46
Handrails provided	....	....	....	....	27
Ventilation of pantries improved	....	....	....	....	36
Larger windows provided	....	....	....	....	58
Kitchen flues repaired	....	....	....	....	40
Window cords provided	....	....	....	....	72
New wash sinks provided	....	....	....	....	5
New properly trapped waste pipes fixed	....	....	....	....	23
Yards repaired....	....	....	....	....	44
Rainwater pipes repaired	....	....	....	....	37
Floors repaired	....	....	....	....	51
Doors re-hung....	....	....	....	....	11
Houses cleansed	....	....	....	....	2
Ashpits abolished	....	....	....	....	Nil
Ashpits repaired	....	....	....	....	Nil
Ashbins provided or renewed	....	....	....	....	129
Drainage : Cleansed	....	....	....	....	70
Repaired	....	....	....	....	43
Inspection chamber covers renewed	....	....	....	....	18

SHOPS ACT, 1934.

48 Inspections were carried out in order to ascertain whether the requirements of Section 10 of the Act were being complied with. As a result of informal action 4 existing W.Cs. were amended or repaired, and 2 pail closets were converted to water closets ; heating arrangements were provided in 2 shops.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No nuisance has arisen from smoke in the area.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are no public or privately owned baths or swimming pools in this area.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Number of Council houses infested	....	....	1
Number of Council houses disinfested	....	....	1
Number of other houses infested	....	....	0
Number of other houses disinfested	....	....	0

Where the circumstances permit it, use is made of hydrocyanic gas for disinfestation. The work is carried out by a Contractor. Bedding is always steam disinfected. Before removal to a Council house, the furniture, etc., of the tenant is disinfected, and if necessary sprayed with a vermicide. The bedding is steam disinfected.

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS CONTROLLED BY BYELAWS
AND REGULATIONS.

There are no Byelaws in force for the control of tents, vans,

sheds, etc. There are a number of living vans and similar structures occupied as dwellings ; these are kept under supervision to ensure that no nuisance arises.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES, ETC.

There are no common lodging houses or houses let in lodgings in the District.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There are no offensive trades in the district.

SCHOOLS.

There are six Elementary Schools in your area, one of them being a temporary wooden structure.

The water to all schools is from the town supply and is satisfactory.

In cases of notifiable infectious disease the Head Master is informed of all cases, the contacts, and the periods of exclusion. During any epidemic period contact is also kept with the School Attendance Officer.

MORTUARY AND POST-MORTEM ROOM.

The Mortuary and Post-Mortem room were completed at the end of the year and have been equipped.

DISINFECTOR.

A Thresh low-pressure steam disinfecter has now been installed and has proved of very great service.

HOUSING.

1.—Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	425
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	866
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	103
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	313
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	5
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	165

2.—Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	172
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3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the Year :—

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	5
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	2
(b) By local authority in default of owners	Nil
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	
	54
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	54
(b) By local authority in default of owners	Nil
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	
	6
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	
	2
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	
	Nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	
	Nil

4.—Housing Act, 1936. Part IV.—Overcrowding.

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	23
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	23
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein....	159
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	4
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	22
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	200
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding....	Nil

HOUSES BUILT IN 1938.

*By the Local Authority	40
By private enterprise	19

*Houses built by the local authority provided for :

(i) Persons displaced	23
(ii) Relief of overcrowding	17

Section E.—INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK.

Table of results of examination of samples :

NON-DESIGNATED MILK.

19 samples taken.

15 samples satisfactory with regard to bacterial count.

4 samples unsatisfactory with regard to bacterial count.

(The standard taken was the Accredited Standard.)

The producers were interviewed and advice given as to sterilization of utensils.

PASTEURISED MILK.

7 samples taken.

6 samples satisfactory.

1 Sample unsatisfactory with regard to Phosphatase Test. This milk was pasteurised outside the district, but by arrangements with the Local Authority in whose district the plant was situate, an inspection was made during a period when pasteurisation was in progress, and the cause of the unsatisfactory sample was found to be due to the drop in temperature while the milk was travelling from the heater to the holder. By raising the temperature of the heater from 145 degrees F. to 148 degrees F, the faulty pasteurising was overcome and further samples have proved satisfactory.

There are 28 Cowsheds and 33 Dairies in the District. These are inspected at frequent intervals to ensure, as far as possible, compliance with the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926. These inspections necessitate many early visits between the hours of 6-30 and 8-30 a.m., while the milking is in progress. Infringements of the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, have been dealt with informally and statutory action has not been found necessary.

Frequent testing on the farms by means of the "One Minute Tester," is also carried out in addition to the bacteriological sampling. The Minute Test is a very convincing means of proving to the milker that dirt is present. The test is carried out expeditiously in the presence of the person who has done the milking. One pint of milk is forced under pressure through a very fine cotton pad, leaving behind all extraneous matter. This is shown to the milker and advice given as to the exclusion of dirt. Surprise tests are made at varying intervals and records kept.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

There are five private slaughterhouses in the District, two being registered and three licensed. All animals slaughtered therein are inspected at the time of slaughtering or shortly after. No carcase is removed from the slaughterhouse until it has been inspected. During the year, 589 visits have been made to inspect meat and to enforce the Byelaws relating to such premises. This has necessitated many hours of night and Sunday work, especially during the summer months when Sunday and night killing regularly take place; this means that the inspections have to be made between the hours of 5-0 p.m. and 9-0 p.m., or before 7-0 a.m. the following morning.

Shops, Stores, Bakehouses, and places where foods, including ice cream, are stored or manufactured, have been visited on numerous occasions (see under heading of inspections made).

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle (excluding Cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed					
Number inspected	410	282	8	1139	658
All diseases except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcasses condemned	nil	nil	nil	2	nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned	24	5	nil	4	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis	5.85	1.77	nil	.053	.61
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole carcasses condemned	3	9	nil	nil	3
Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned	46	17	nil	nil	41
Percentage of the number affected with Tuber- culosis	11.9	9.34	nil	nil	6.7

The total number of carcasses inspected was 2,497.

6 tons, 7 cwts. 3 qrs. 1 lb. of diseased meat was surrendered and disposed of at Messrs. Churchmans, Mansfield Road, under personal supervision. This is an increase of 19 cwts. 1 qr. compared with last year's figures.

This increase over last year's figures is partly due to the increase in the wholesale trade done by one butcher in the district.

PORK.		Parts surrendered with weight in lbs.				
		Whole				
Disease.	Livers.	Lungs.	Plucks.	Heads.	Carcases.	Total.
Abscesses				25		25
Congestion....		9				9
Tuberculosis	16	12	93	537	488	1146
Totals....	16	21	93	562	488	1180

MUTTON.		Parts surrendered with weight in lbs.			
		Whole			
Disease.		Livers.	Carcases.		Total.
Enteritis	90	90
Distomatosis	8	8
Fatty Infiltration	7	7
Parturiency	56	56
Totals	15	146	161

BEEF.

Parts surrendered with weight in lbs.

Disease.	Intest.					Whole			Total
	Livers.	Lungs.	Mes.	Heads	H.Q.	F.Q.	Side.	Carcase	
Abscesses	32					52
Bruising		160				160
Angeomatosis	34					34
Bacterial Necrosis	20					20
Cloudy	32					32
Distomatosis	191					191
Echinococcus	15	31				46
Flukes	32					32
Pleurisy		18				18
Tuberculosis....	107	240	304	36	44	2125
							312	7091	3324
									13583
Totals	431	309	304	68	44	2285
							312	7091	3324
									14168

OTHER FOODS SURRENDERED.

Beef ....	....	Putrefaction	28 lbs.
Offal ....	....	Tuberculosis	7 lbs.
Rabbits ....	....	Putrefaction	8½ lbs.
Corned Beef....	....	Putrefaction	14 lbs.
Tinned Fruits	....	Putrefaction	32 lbs.

SLAUGHTERING ON UNLICENSED PREMISES.

12 Notices of “occasional slaughtering” were received in respect of pigs slaughtered by cottagers on unlicensed premises ; the carcasses of which were to be sold for human consumption ; in every instance these were inspected before being sold. Generally, these pigs were found to be remarkably healthy, although as previously reported, the conditions under which the carcasses are stored prior to sale, and the method of delivery to the consumer, in many instances are not conducive to health.

The number of pigs slaughtered on unlicensed premises shows a decrease of 9 on last year’s figure.

MARKET STALLS, ETC.

The several shops, markets, stalls, vans, etc., from which meat is sold were kept under strict supervision and minor infringements were remedied by informal action.

PUBLIC HEALTH (MEAT) REGULATIONS, 1924.

It is gratifying to be able to record once again that the butchers have generally continued to conform to the requirements of the above Regulations. Contraventions were :—

Failure to notify slaughter	....	....	2
Absence of name on stall	....	....	1

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933.

This Act provides for the licensing of all slaughter-men and also for the stunning of animals with a mechanically operated instrument in proper repair. All butchers in your district use the Cash Captive Bolt. This is a very efficient instrument, is perfectly safe to use and gives very little trouble. I make a practice of testing these instruments periodically to see they are in good working order.

FISH MONGERS AND FISH FRYERS.

56 Visits were made to premises of the above. Byelaws governing the above trades are in the process of adoption. This will simplify procedure considerably and will remove some of the anomalies which at present exist.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 6 Bakehouses on the Register. These are kept under observation, 25 visits having been made. One informal notice was served to carry out limewashing and the general cleanliness has been of a high standard.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

48 Inspections of factories have been carried out. No statutory action was necessary, minor contraventions being remedied by informal action.

RAG FLOCK ACTS, 1911 AND 1928.

There is no business in the District which calls for the administration of the above Acts.

ADULTERATION OF FOODS.

The Food & Drugs (Adulteration) Act is administered by the County Council. I am indebted to Mr. Templeman, the County Food and Drugs Inspector, for the following report.

REPORT OF PUBLIC ANALYST.

Upon articles analysed by him and taken in the Urban District of Warsop, during the year ending 31st December, 1938.

Article.	No. of Samples.	Result of Analysis.
Biscuits	1	Genuine.
Aerated Water	1	Genuine.
Butter	1	Genuine.
Castor Oil....	1	Genuine.
Flour, Self-Raising	1	Genuine.
Gin....	3	Correct.
Jam	1	Genuine.
Lemon Curd	1	Genuine.
Milk	11	7 Genuine.
	4	Deficient as follows :—
	(1)	9.1% added water. Case dismissed on conviction of Producer
	(2)	15.8% added water.
	(3)	11.88% deficient in solids-not-fat. Fined £2 and £3 10s. costs.
	(4)	3.6% deficient in solids-not-fat.
		No action taken.
Raspberries, tinned	1	Genuine.
Rice	1	Genuine.
Whisky	2	Correct.
Wine, Non-alcoholic	1	Genuine.

Additional Informal Samples of Milk tested by the Inspectors by the “ Gerber ” Tester.

		Correct.	Incorrect.
No. of Samples taken by the Inspectors	45	43	2
No. of Samples taken at Farms —	—	—
No. of Samples submitted by Milk Vendors to the Inspectors —	—	—
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Totals 45	43	2
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SHELL FISH.....

No information is available of the layings from which Shell Fish sold in the district are derived.

Section F.—PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year 58 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified by medical practitioners compared with 40 cases in 1937.

The accompanying table shows the occurrence and age distribution of infectious diseases.

No use has been made of the Schick and Dick Tests.

No vaccinations have been performed by the Medical Officer of Health under the Public Health (Small Pox Prevention) Regulations, 1917.

School closure was not advised in any case during the year.

Cases which require hospital treatment continue to be sent to North Derbyshire, Mansfield, Worksop, or Sheffield Isolation Hospitals. I am indebted to the superintendents of these various hospitals for admitting the cases.

Progress is very slow with the provision of a Joint Hospital to serve the south of the County. Great difficulty was experienced on occasions in obtaining admission of Diphtheria cases to hospital.

Your Health Department co-operates with the head teachers of the various schools and all contacts and suspected cases are seen at the clinic.

SCARLET FEVER.

During the year 12 cases occurred compared with 8 in 1937. 6 of these cases were removed to hospital.

Wherever possible, cases are isolated at home. There were no deaths.

DIPHTHERIA.

38 cases occurred during the year. 30 cases were removed to hospital. 1 death occurred.

CANCER.

A table is appended showing the number of deaths from cancer, the age at death, the organs affected, and the sex. No undue prevalence in any particular organ was noted.

TUBERCULOSIS.

I am indebted to Dr. E. Firth, the Medical Superintendent of the Ransom Sanatorium, Rainworth, for the following information regarding the treatment of cases from the Warsop area at the Sanatorium. The treatment of tuberculosis is a county service and the most modern methods of treatment of this disease are available at the Ransom Sanatorium.

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

Cases discharged during 1938 :

Males.	Females.	Children.
1	5	1

Cases remaining under treatment on 31/12/38.

Males.	Females.	Children.
2	—	1

No cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were treated during the year. One child was admitted for observation and discharged as non-tuberculous.

No action was taken under the Public Health Act (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS.

No action was taken under Section 66 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

One case was notified during the year, vision was unimpaired.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1938.

Age Periods in years	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non- Respiratory		Respiratory		Non- Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-5	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
5-10	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1
10-15	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-20	—	1	—	—	1	2	—	—
20-25	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—
25-35	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
35-45	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
45-55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55-65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Totals	4	4	4	1	2	7	—	1

CAUSES OF DEATH.

All ages			
CAUSES OF DEATH.		Males	Females
All causes			
1 Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers			
2 Measles			
3 Scarlet Fever			
4 Whooping Cough			
5 Diphtheria			1
6 Influenza			
7 Encephalitis Lethargica			
8 Cerebro spinal fever			
9 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	7	
10 Other Tuberculous Diseases		1	
11 Syphilis			
12 General paralysis of the insane, tabes dorsalis			
13 Cancer, malignant disease....	1	3	
14 Diabetes	1		
15 Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	1	2	
16 Heart Disease	7	9	
17 Aneurysm			
18 Other circulatory diseases	1	1	
19 Bronchitis	1	1	
20 Pneumonia (all forms)	3		
21 Other Respiratory Diseases			
22 Peptic ulcer	2	1	
23 Diarrhoea, etc., under 2 years			
24 Appendicitis			
25 Cirrhosis of Liver			
26 Other diseases of liver, etc.			
27 Other digestive diseases	1		
28 Acute & Chronic Nephritis	2		
29 Puerperal Sepsis			
30 Other puerperal causes		3	
31 Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformation, etc.	7	3	
32 Senility		1	
33 Suicide			
34 Other causes	3		
35 Other defined diseases	4	1	
36 Causes ill-defined or unknown			
Special causes (included in 35 above)			
Small Pox			
Poliomyelitis			
Polioencephalitis.... ..			
Deaths of Infants under 1 year :			
Total	10	4	
Legitimate	9	4	
Illegitimate	1		
Live Births			
Total	99	85	
Legitimate	98	85	
Illegitimate	1		
Population	10,930		

TABLE V.

Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Death-rates, and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1938.—England and Wales, London, 126 Great Towns, 148 Smaller Towns and Warsop

(Provisional Figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns.)

	Warsop	England and Wales	126 County Boro's. and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Administrative County
	Rates per 1,000 Population.				
Births :—					
Live	17.20	15.1	15.0	15.4	13.4
Still	0.82	0.60	0.65	0.60	0.48
Deaths :—					
All Causes	6.4	11.6	11.7	11.0	11.4
Typhoid and Paratyphoid fevers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Measles	0.00	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.06
Scarlet fever	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Whooping Cough	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03
Diphtheria	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.05
Influenza	0.00	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.06
Notifications :—					
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scarlet Fever	1.09	2.41	2.60	2.58	2.05
Diphtheria	3.47	1.58	1.85	1.53	1.90
Enteric fever	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.05
Erysipelas	0.36	0.40	0.46	0.39	0.46
Pneumonia	0.27	1.10	1.28	0.98	0.98
	Rates per 1,000 Live Births.				
Deaths under 1 year of age	74.74	53	57	51	57
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age	0.0	5.5	7.8	3.6	13.1
Maternal Mortality:					
Puerperal Sepsis	0.00	0.89	} Not	available.	
Others	16.2	2.19			
Total	16.2	3.08			
	Rates per 1,000 Total Births (<i>i.e.</i> , Live and Still).				
Maternal Mortality :					
Puerperal Sepsis	0.00	0.86	} Not	available.	
Others	15.45	2.11			
Total	15.45	2.97			
Notifications :—					
Puerperal fever	0.00	14.42	18.08	12.51	3.53
Puerperal pyrexia	0.00				15.46

CANCER DEATHS.

(Taken from the Return of Deaths to the Sanitary Authority.)

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1.—Inspection of Factories and other Premises.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

Premises. 1	Number of.		
	Inspections. 2	Written Notices. 3	Occupiers Prosecuted. 4
Factories with mechanical power	22	4	None
Factories without mechanical power	16	2	None
Other Premises under the Act (in- cluding works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises)	10	—	None
Total	48	6	None

2.—Defects found in Factories and other Premises.

Particulars. (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted. (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	
Want of cleanliness (S. 1)	2	2	—	Nil
Overcrowding (S. 2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3)	2	2	—	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7):—				
Insufficient	—	—	—	—
Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	Nil
Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences	—	—	—	—
(Not including offences relating to Homework or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937.)				
Total	6	6	None.	None.

